

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING ON "SOLIDARITY DAY," 19 JUNE 1968

* CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AS OF 18 JUNE, 1200 HOURS

I. How does "Solidarity Day" look as of this moment?

It looks like a "Mixed Bag" of interests. Politically, its composition has been moving from the LEFT to the MIDDLE. This is evidenced by:

A. A growing disenchantment of the Communist Party, USA with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference leadership because of a lack of MILITANCY and failure of the SCLC leaders to get themselves arrested and jailed.

B. The acceptance by Sterling Tucker, a Negro moderate, on 8 June 1968 of the role of National Coordinator of the March. Tucker is the Executive Director of the Washington Urban League.

C. A BROAD MIDDLE GROUND support -

1. Religious support - Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Humanist.

a. A Special Mass will be held Wednesday morning by Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington.

*b. Also special Presbyterian, Episcopal, Congregational and Lutheran services.

2. Labor support - Washington AFL/CIO, UAW, Transport Union of America.

3. Political support - Americans for Democratic Action. Vice President Humphrey says he backs some "march aims;" Senator McCarthy reportedly offered to be a speaker; and * has accepted an invitation to attend the demonstration.

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4. Student support - National Student Association.

5. Pacifist support - anti-Vietnam war groups.

D. GOALS - WHY DO WE MARCH?

To demand an end to poverty and VIOLENCE in American life.

E. Evidenced by the announced SPEAKERS -

1. Senator Edward Brooke (R-Mass.)
2. Walter Reuther
3. Mrs. Martin L. King - possibly someone from the Kennedy family.
4. Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary
5. Whitney Young, Executive Director, National Urban League.

II. PLANS

A. The permit for the March allows assemblage at 5 am at the Monument Grounds.

B. Latest announced schedule of the National Mobilization Office of the March is as follows:

1. 6 am - Assemble at the Sylvan Theatre, Washington Monument Grounds.
2. 10:00 - 12:30 - Entertainment not further amplified.
3. 12:30 - 1:30 pm - Walk from the Sylvan Theatre to the Lincoln Memorial via Independence Avenue, *led by the Symbolic Muletrain (13 wagons, 28 mules, 4 horses).
4. 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Speeches.
5. 4:30 pm - Dispersal.
 - a. National Mobilization Fact Sheet calls for everyone to plan to leave the city by 5 pm.

III. NUMBERS

A. No specific goal has been set and Sterling Tucker himself is uncertain.

B. Best guess at this moment -

1. From Washington, D. C.

a. 15,000 to 20,000

2. From outside Washington, D. C.

a. U. S. Army Intelligence sources estimate 15,000.

C. TOTAL - 30,000 to 35,000. Unlikely to exceed 50,000.

IV. What are the PROSPECTS FOR CIVIL DISORDER?

A. Several factors are present militating against civil disorder and rioting -

1. The demonstration is placing heavier emphasis on an END to VIOLENCE in AMERICA as a result of Senator Kennedy's assassination, in addition to demands to end poverty.

2. 1,000 off-duty policemen, firemen, probation officers have been given permission by New York City Mayor Lindsay to come to Washington to serve as Parade Marshals.

3. Law enforcement in Washington, D. C. is prepared for any eventuality.

a. On the District of Columbia Government and Police Safety level. * 1700 Police assigned to the Rally, 1000 deployed throughout rest of Washington.

b. With the District of Columbia National Guard. * 1150 Guardsmen to be sworn in as special officers of DC Police for crowd control duty. 400 - 500 Reserve Policemen to be assigned to regular duty.

c. With the need for Federal military forces under the Department of the Army, Director for Civil Disturbance, Planning and Operations.

(1) This calls for Task Force Inside Command Post.

(a) Comprises an IMMEDIATE READY ELEMENT of 1000 Federal troops capable of deployment within 2 1/2 hours if on 30 minutes alert or 4 hours without prior notification.

(b) Backed by 1000 Reserve Forces.

(c) Deployment is planned to specific police precincts to restore order on the basis of previously coordinated plans between Police Precinct Captains and military unit commanders.

d. Another factor militating against disorder is the fact that the demonstration plans call for orderly dispersal and the issue over the disbanding of Resurrection City will not next take place until 8 pm, 23 June.

B. What are the factors which might lead to disorder?

1. Militant Negro gang elements in Resurrection City have reportedly threatened to -

a. Paint Lincoln "black" like "us."

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b. Blow up the Washington Monument.

2. Students for Democratic Society - members have been urged to shave, dress respectfully and infiltrate the demonstration for the purpose of exploiting any opportunity to create disorder.

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